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**NCC COMPETITION:** The MNWG National Cadet Competition team placed fourth in the competition and tied for second in the quiz bowl. Cadet Mike Nordin won the Fleet Foot award. Wing Commander Dale Hoiium expressed his thanks to all that participated.



**USAF ACADEMY GRADUATION:** 2nd Lt. Matt Swanson accepts congratulations from his parents and Gen. James Bobick at his graduation from the USAF Academy. See article on page 2 for more information.

## MINNESOTA WING COLOR GUARD MAKES MAJOR LEAGUE AS PART OF 2001 PERFORMANCE SEASON

- 1st. Lt. Marcel A. Derosier

Minneapolis—The Minnesota Wing Color Guard presented the Colors in front of a crowd of thousands at the Minnesota Twins game that took place on Flag Day, June 14th. The Color Guard marched onto the Astro turf between the pitcher's mound and home plate, execute a sharp half right about, and held firmly to the Colors, Minnesota State flag, and unit flag, as a local resident sang the National Anthem. Images of the flag, singer, and members of the Color Guard appeared on the large television screen above right field during the solemn moment. Portions of the performance appeared on the local news broadcast that evening.

The Flag Day ceremony was the high point of the Color Guard's 2001 performance season. The Color Guard has performed at a high school basketball game, the National Congress on Air and Space Education, and the Minnesota Wing Conference. Four more performances remain on its schedule, including raising the colors at a local air show, a change of command ceremony, marching in the parade at the Minnesota State Fair, and a Veteran's Day performance.

The Color Guard is composed of cadets from the North Hennepin Squadron, who were selected to represent Minnesota Wing at the North Central Region National Cadet Competition in Nebraska earlier this year. The Color Guard placed second in the region conference with less than a one percent difference in the overall score from that of the winning team. The members are Cadets Mark Pomerleau (Commander), James Hartzell, Bridgitt Whiting, Benjamin Hartzell, and Jenilyn Whiting.

This performance was the second year in a row the Minnesota Wing Color Guard has presented the Colors on Flag Day.

**CADET SWANSON GRADUATES FROM AFA**

*-Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Mikitta*

Former Mankato Composite Squadron member Cadet Mathew James Swanson graduated from the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs CO 30 May 2001. Matt was a Distinguished Graduate having obtained a better than 3.0 average in academics, military and athletics. Cadet Swanson was ranked 57<sup>th</sup> of 847 graduates. He received a Bachelor of Science in History.

Cadet Swanson served as the 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron Commander for Fall 2000. The squadron started the 2000-2001 school year ranked 34<sup>th</sup>, they ended the year 8<sup>th</sup> overall. As a result, Cadet Swanson was recognized as the Outstanding Element leader. The squadron finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Academics and military but was 32<sup>nd</sup> in athletics.

Cadet Swanson will be attending the University of Nebraska, Lincoln NE in the fall to work on his Masters. After that he will be attending Jet Pilot training at Shepard AFB TX.

Graduation ceremonies were held at the Academy with Vice-President Richard Cheney giving the commencement address. An air show with the USAF Thunderbirds concluded the ceremony. Matt is the Son of Major Kevin and Jody Swanson. Kevin is the past commander at Red Wing and Mankato Composite Squadrons.

Attending the ceremony for Matt included former Mankato members Dale Swanson, uncle, AFA class of 79; Dean Meilke, USMA class of 79; Karen Kusy, sponsor, Lt. General Dean Meilke, class of 1979, and Chaplain Don Mikitta, MN Wing Cadet Programs.

**COMMANDER'S CORNER**

*- Col. Dale Hoiuum*



We have had some fantastic training so far this year, with more yet to come. The participation from our aircrews and ground team members has been outstanding. In fact we have spent all the training funds set aside for the Group Two and Four SAR's.

For the Group Three SAR, there will be a total concentration on the ground teams. Ground teams are such an intricate part of fulfilling our ES mission. We must have the trained people to go into the sights when found.

The CAP training extends far beyond our Emergency Services. The Senior and Cadet training programs are ongoing and the quality of our personnel shows how effective it has been. I want to thank all those that have put in so much time in all the unit and wing training programs.

Our Wing received five Micron computers with monitors, five Cannon laptops, two Computer scanners, one Compaq server and one label printer from National HQ. This equipment came in May and is out to the units with proper paperwork. To continue receiving equipment we must continually show we are accountable and responsible for our equipment.

Now is an excellent time to review all the pilot files and your units' flying procedures. In accordance with CAPR 60-2 I will be visiting the flying units to review these procedures. As I have stated before, this is done to ensure our airteams, FRO's and unit commanders are protected by our regulations.

These visits can be short notice or no notice. It really does not matter, short or no notice, as you are either complying with the regulations with proper training, procedures, culture, and a few days notice is not going to change that. Let's make sure our pilots and their families are protected by following our regulations.

**Promotions**

FO Conrad Peterson, Valley Squadron  
2nd. Lt. Terry Dull, Viking Squadron  
2nd. Lt. Abderrahmane Bouremania, Mankato  
1st. Lt. Al Pabon, Wing HQs Squadron  
1st Lt. Scott Frankard, Viking Squadron  
1st. Lt. Donnie Lamb, Ft. Snelling Squadron  
Capt. Bob Kistner, Viking Squadron  
Maj. Doug Kilian, Viking Squadron

**MISSING PERSON**

- Maj. Bill Rutten

Minnesota Wing assisted Sherburne County Sheriff's Department in a search for a missing male last seen May 10 at his rural Palmer Township home. Just as the CAP ground teams formed, the missing person was reported found. The CAP mission closed at 11:46 AM.

Maj. Stan Kegel, emergency services officer, received an alert from Air Force Rescue Coordination Center --- AFRCC --- on the morning of May 11. Sherburne County Sheriff's Office was requesting the assistance of Civil Air Patrol --- CAP - in searching for a sixty three year old diabetic male who was last seen at noon on May 10 at his rural Palmer Township home. Maj. Kegel alerted Maj. Bill Rutten of the St. Croix Squadron, 1Lt. David Nightingale of St. Paul Squadron, Capt. Shannon Bauer of Viking Squadron and 1Lt. Bill Reichert; requesting ground teams at 9:30 am local time.

Maj. Rutten, St. Croix Squadron Emergency Services Officer, was assigned as incident commander at the command post, which was located north of Becker, Minnesota. Contact was made with Sherburne County Sheriff Gary Peterson and advised that CAP would be en route shortly from different locations within the Twin Cities. Mr. Peterson informed Maj. Rutten that the lost person was diabetic, had not taken his medication and did not have any with him when last seen.

At 11:12 am Maj. Rutten called AFRCC to advise them that ground teams were forming and would be en route to the search area. Just after that, Sgt. Johnson was informed by a telephone call from Mr. Peterson of the Sheriff's Department, and reported that the missing person had been found. The mission was formally closed at 11:46 am local time.

Twenty three CAP members were involved in the call up from four area squadrons. Valley Squadron had seven members who responded, St. Croix had six, St. Paul had four and Viking had three at the time that they were told to stand down. To have 23 members respond within an hour and a half on the Friday before the fishing opener in Minnesota is an accomplishment.

**NEWS FROM AROUND THE WING**

**FOR ALL AIRPLANE ENTHUSIASTS:** The 934th Air Force Reserve Base at highway 62 (Crosstown) and 34th, is planning to have a B-52, F-14, F-15, F-16 and B-1 on display on the 28th and 29th of July.

**RED WING SQUADRON:** For those units using Red Wing Squadron's achievement One Manual (or those who want to start), the Third Edition of the manual is now online in the archives. You can download the manual and corresponding workbook at the Red Wing Squadron website: <http://www.mnwg.cap.gov/redwing> and go to "Archives".

**ST. CROIX SQUADRON:** Group III Commander, Minnesota Wing, Civil Air Patrol, Major Tom Kettell, presented the Mitchell Award to Cadet 2nd. Lt. Nathan Bliss at the weekly St. Croix Squadron meeting headquarters, located at Lake Elmo Airport in Lake Elmo Minnesota.

**ST. CROIX SQUADRON:** St. Croix Composite Squadron senior members accepted the Gen. Chuck Yeager award that Group III Commander, Major Tom Kettell, Minnesota Wing, CAP, presented at the May 10 meeting.

Kettell presented the Yeager Award to Capt. Jane Dahlquist, 2nd. Lt. Kim Johnson, Capt. David Dixon, 1st. Lt. Joe Gmitter, 1st. Lt. Barb Ramsden, 2nd. Lt. Stefan Sylvander, 2nd. Lt. Dan Fosterling, Capt. William Lines, and Capt. Richard Emery.

**WING HQS SQUADRON:** Chaplain, Lt Col, Donald Mikitta was presented with an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from the Great Plains Baptist Divinity School, Sioux Fall SD for his ministerial achievements as a Civil Air Patrol Chaplain.

President Ronald Tottingham of Great Plains cited Don's service to CAP in both chaplaincy and cadet leadership roles as exemplary.

Don serves as the squadron chaplain for three units, as well as registrar of the NCR Chaplain Service Staff College. He is also the MN Wing Cadet Program director. Dr Tottingham serves as the North Central Region Chaplain.

## MINNESOTA WING CALENDAR

JULY

1	SUN	NCR SLS, CAMP RAPID, RAPID CITY SD
4	TUE	INDEPENDENCE DAY
13-15	FRI-SUN	WING SAR/DR, GROUP 1 AREA
28-5	FRI-SAT	MNWG CADET ENCAMPMENT, GFAFB, ND

AUGUST

10-12	FRI-SUN	WING SAR/DR, BEMIDJI AIRPORT
16-18	THU-SAT	NATL. BOARD & CONFERENCE, CINCINNATI, OHIO
24-25	FRI-SAT	USAF COUNTERDRUG EVAL, DULUTH AIRPORT
24-3	FRI-MON	MN STATE FAIR, CAP RECRUITING
26	FLY-IN,	OWATONNA AIRPORT

SEPTEMBER

3	MON	LABOR DAY
4-11	TUE-TUE	WING SAR/DR, UNIT BASED EXERCISES
10	MON	WING STAFF MEETING
17	MON	USAF ESTABLISHED
18	TUE	ROSH HASHANAH (STARTS MON AT SUNDOWN)
22	SAT	CAF HANGER DANCE, FLEMING AIRPORT
27	SAT	YOM KIPPUR (STARTS SUNDAY AT SUNDOWN)

OCTOBER

8	MON	COLUMBUS DAY (WING STAFF MEETS)
11-14	THU-SAT	NEW COMMANDERS ORIENTATION/ CC WORKSHOP
18-20	WED-SAT	CADET NCO SCHOOL & BASIC OFFICER COURSE
28	SUN	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER

11	SUN	VETERAN'S DAY
17	SAT	COUNTER DRUG CHECK PILOT SEMINAR
22	THU	THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER

1	SAT	CIVIL AIR PATROL'S 60TH BIRTHDAY
3	MON	WING CONFERENCE AWARDS NOMINATION DEADLINE
10	MON	HANUKKAH (STARTS SUNDAY AT SUNDOWN)

**"TO EQUIP"**

- Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Mikitta

The fifth point of the Minnesota Wing Cadet program Strategic Plan is to Pray. Up to now, each point of our strategic plan identifies what we can do in our power, to equip the CAP cadet leader. By ourselves we can encourage, qualify, understand and instruct cadets and have some success. But in the end, if this one thing is lacking, prayer, then at best we are partially successful.

As a Christian I look to Jesus Christ as my leader. His leadership style was strongly affected by his prayer life. He prayed for his followers and they were able to do what was necessary, they followed (John 17:6-19).

The Christian leader then should remember: No servant leader should stand to lead, until they pray with those they serve. As such, one way to encourage followers is to let them see you humble yourself in the presence of the one you serve. Prayer time for the leader and follower also gives ample opportunity to help them calmly accomplish that which can not be rushed into.

Although Jesus' leadership style does not fit the mold of most leadership styles, it may be a good time to consider this aspect of our leadership role.

So maybe it is on our knees that we can best be found . . .

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